

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-18 are pending and subject to a restriction requirement.

Supplemental IDS

Applicants enclose a supplemental IDS. Because this IDS is submitted before the first office action on the merits, no fee is included.

Restriction

Applicants elect Species III: Compound (a) which comprises one or more mono-hydroxyphenyl (phenol) moieties, each carrying one or two bonds to a tetravalent linking group (specification, pages 5 and 7).

Applicants elect the specific species of example 1 which is pentaerythritol tetrakis (3-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl) propionate).

Claims 3, 5 and 6 correspond to the Species elected. Claims 1, 2, 7-14 and 16-18 encompass the elected Species generically.

Applicants await prosecution on the merits. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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